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Re: Application No. 09/397,325; Filed: 09/16/1999
Applicant: Gene W. Arant; Confirmation No. 8607
For: ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED METHOD OF COMPOSING INFORMATION
Group Art Unit 2178; Examiner Cesar B. Paula

SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION JANUARY 31, 2006;
RESPONSE TO EXAMINER REPORT OF MARCH 15, 2006

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Sir:

Please change the address of record to Customer No. 33306.
Please delete the "Educator's Report" (three pages) following the specification, which concludes with a citation to the Mercer article and which was not part of the invention disclosure.

REMARKS

The Examiner's prompt and thoughtful response is greatly appreciated. The Examiner is absolutely correct in saying that Durrani teaches the sequential input of characters into a transfer location box. However, Durrani's fixed transfer location is for the output of transfers, while Applicant's fixed transfer location is for the selection of input characters or information elements.

Applicant's invention is distinguished by the fact that no adjustment of dwell time is made for each individual prospective information transfer. Because of the inherently high speed of electronic information movement and much slower reaction or action by the operator, there are necessarily a plurality of possible transfer choices (available without further operator intervention) after the operator changes or adjusts the dwell time "from time to time" and before changing or adjusting it again. This is not shown or suggested by the references, either singly or in combination.

Respectfully submitted,

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